

SACRAMENTO RIVER FALL CHINOOK WORKGROUP PROGRESS REPORT

In 2018, Sacramento River fall Chinook (SRFC) was declared ‘overfished’ and a rebuilding plan was subsequently adopted in June 2019. The plan included recommendations to reconsider the current conservation objective, develop an age-structured stock assessment, develop age-structured forecasts, and develop an age-structured harvest model. In April 2022, a review of the basis behind the SRFC conservation objective was included as a salmon methodology review topic. The review was conducted in October 2022 (November 2022 Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Meeting, [Agenda Item D.2, Attachment 1](#)). At their April 2023 meeting, the Council discussed the topic further and agreed that taking a detailed look at information that is currently used, reviewing any new material available, and identifying data gaps is the next logical step forward in evaluating the conservation objective for SRFC.

At their June 2023 meeting, the Council formed an ad-hoc Sacramento River Fall Chinook Workgroup (Workgroup), and approved a draft Terms of Reference (June 2023 Council Meeting, Agenda Item I.1, [Supplemental Attachment 3](#)). The Council also tasked the Workgroup to 1) provide a summary report no later than the spring of 2024 to describe scoping of a revised SRFC conservation objective and related harvest control rule and reference point alternatives, and 2) update the Council on the recommended next steps, timeline, and process to evaluate the conservation objective and related management measures.

In 2024, the Workgroup met on January 30-31 and May 1-2 to address its charges and develop a draft report (Agenda Item E.1.a, Workgroup Report 1). The Workgroup plans to meet again over the summer and fall in anticipation of the next Council update in November 2024. The Council should review the Workgroup report and provide guidance on next steps.

Council Action:

Consider Workgroup Report and Provide Guidance on Next Steps.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item E.1.a, Sacramento River Fall Chinook Ad-hoc Workgroup Report 1 (***Electronic Only***).
2. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

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